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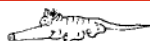
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## Harbormaster Pitches 'Natural Resources' Dept

Marion Marine Resources Commission

By Mick Colageo

Leveraged by Massachusetts' Police Reform Act into what its personnel considers a crawl space between the rock of new budgetary constraints and the hard place of increasing demand for job-related services, the Marion Harbormaster Department has rolled out a proposal to create a new town Department of Natural Resources.

If approved by the Select Board, Marion's DNR would be part of the town's Police Department, explained Deputy Harbormaster/Shellfish Officer Adam Murphy to the Marine Resources Commission during the latter's public meeting held Monday night at the Police Station.

"We're proposing a separate union," said Murphy. "We're trying to avoid reducing the services. We feel the budget should reflect that. ... If I'm going out on a patrol call or backing up the Police Department (under the proposed conditions), my budget isn't only coming out of the Waterways Department."

Because they were not part of the same collective-bargaining agreement, said Murphy, full-time Harbormaster Department personnel is required to put in more training and to perform all the duties of a police officer in Marion but does not receive the same benefits package, including retirement.

Murphy cited Weymouth, Falmouth, Bourne, Wareham and Yarmouth as municipalities that have instituted some form of a DNR to mitigate negative impact on their harbormaster departments.

Marion's new department would not change in terms of optics with Harbormaster Isaac Perry acting as director, Murphy as deputy director/shellfish officer and Dave Wilson as assistant director and assistant shellfish officer. The addition would be the Animal Control officer (Susan Connor.)

**On the Cover:** A severely deteriorated seawall at Island Wharf is one of four major projects facing the Marion Harbormaster Department as it prepares grant applications and an operating budget for Fiscal Year 2024. Also in dire need of funding is decaying infrastructure at Old Landing, the town's 17-year-old patrol boat and the planned Marine Center that in two years has become \$1,000,000 more expensive due to inflated construction costs. Photo by Mick Colageo

"Sue is coming to the end of her tenure," said Murphy. "We fully intend on this position to be a Natural Resources position and taking our boat guys from three to four. Between the three of us, we really don't take vacations in the summer. With this position, it's going to give us a little flexibility."

Under a new DNR, Animal Control would increase from four to seven days a week, while other familiar programs, such as educational outreach, safety courses and inspections for hunting and safety would all continue and possibly expand. Murphy said the seasonal, part-time staff would not change.

"The things that Waterways pays for now would be the same. There's nothing on there that they're not doing now," said MRC Chairman Vin Malkoski.

Murphy said Chief of Police Richard Nighelli would be reaching out to the MRC for feedback.

The MRC is supportive but urged Murphy to take it slow, as a public hearing on the matter is likely before the Select Board considers voting its approval.

"It's not something that we can kick the can down the road," said Murphy, who took the lead Monday

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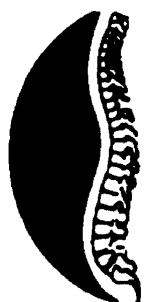
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night in the absence of Perry, who was listening remotely while recovering from a January 10 back surgery. Perry is expected back in April.

Meantime, Murphy shared a PowerPoint presentation on the department's budget and four major projects reaching a critical stage, most notably the new Marine Center that was approved in Town Meeting. The other three: a replacement for the department's aging patrol boat, seawall erosion and severe infrastructural decay at Old Landing.

To help mitigate the problem, Murphy recommended significant, across-the-board fee increases for users of Marion's harbor.

Base charges for moorings will increase for Marion's 290 commercial moorings from \$180 to \$250, not counting the per-foot increase from \$5 to \$8. The \$70 base fee for recreational moorings (Marion has 828) would increase to \$115, along with the same per-foot increase. Adding on the Transient fee increase, the total projected increase in Waterways Department revenues for FY24 is \$320,280.

With between 1,300 and 1,400 total Waterways permits, Murphy told the MRC that merely by bringing its fees in line with similar Massachusetts harbor communities, such as Plymouth, Scituate, Dartmouth and Duxbury, the Harbormaster Department can make a dent in its budgetary challenge.

"We're throwing at consumers an average of 50% increase. I don't think it will warm their hearts," said MRC member Michael Moore.

Murphy countered that there are 198 people on Marion's waiting list. "One way or another, we have to generate revenues to pay for these things. ... And it's not just the building, we have a lot of things that we need to discuss," he said.

Malkoski cautioned that the department secure assurance that fee increases will not wind up in another bucket.

"We have always worked to be as responsible as we can. ... We've always been asked to increase fees and we asked, 'What are these fees going to be used for?'" said Malkoski. "Can we do it all at once? Maybe not. Turning

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down the (Seaport Economic Council) is not really an alternative."

In FY22, the Waterways Department generated \$268,739, down \$10,000 from FY21. Total FY22 revenues were \$466,973.97 and total expenditures \$456,228.63.

Murphy reported that indirect costs are down 12% for FY22 to \$182,178.63 from \$206,190.33, but he is not sure what has changed.

"The 'indirects' are always the elephant in the room," said Murphy. "We need to put away more than \$10,000 a year."

Malkoski emphasized that the harbor cannot serve as a profit center for the town. "It is illegal. The harbor does not belong to the town," he said, noting the trend toward parking fees as a means to take control of income to the town.

The Select Board will vote on any measure to increase fees.

The new Marine Center is hanging in the balance after a recent meeting with architectural designer Catalyst revealed a \$1,000,000 increase in projected construction

## THE PLUMBERS

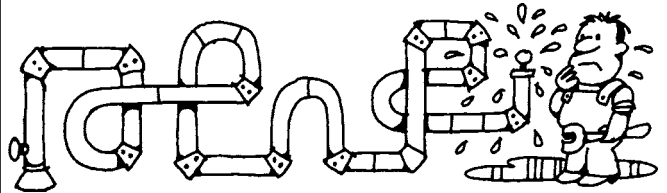
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cost. Compounded atop a \$700,000 shortfall in total grant applications of \$2,300,000 with the state's Seaport Economic Council, the double whammy has left the town scrambling against the clock for a viable Plan B.

The SEC averages \$1,000,000 in distributions, according to Murphy, noting that Marion received a greater-than-average amount of grant funding (\$1,600,000) toward its new harbormaster headquarters. But he also noted that grant funding is available to support repair of the seawall and infrastructure at Old Landing. The deadline for the seawall-repair grant application is February 17.

Last estimated five years ago to be worth \$650,000, it is anticipated a new patrol boat would cost between \$850,000 and \$1,000,000, based on a 90-day quote on a 10-year bond.

According to Murphy, Marion's patrol boat is basically a recreational Boston Whaler. Now 17 years old, it shows cracks in the separation of the house and also under the rails as well as the transom.

The department figures the boat still has value if taken away from department rigors. Murphy readily admits that the boat is not a safety hazard at this point, but because it took two years to acquire a motor for another boat, it would be risky to continue with the patrol boat.

Having shown the MRC several popular models highlighting their capabilities, flaws and costs, Murphy said he figures Marion's current patrol boat is still worth \$80,000 to \$100,000, "if we move on it sooner rather than later."

It takes a year to acquire a boat, and given the process of achieving that authorization, Murphy considers it prudent to move now.

The MRC took volunteers to form subcommittees to tackle the subjects facing the Harbormaster Department, including the Marine Center, the patrol boat, the decaying seawall and the deterioration at Old Landing. MRC member Scott Cowell, who said during the meeting that the cables at Old Landing haven't been changed in 50 years, will lead the subcommittee formed to study and make recommendations there.

As of January 18, Murphy and Perry have received

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*The Poet's Corner*

**By Hope Bradley Finley**

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*Editor's Note: Hope Bradley Finley passed away on January 13 at age 95. The Mattapoisett resident was thrilled to have The Wanderer publish her poems and essays, something we will continue to do this winter.*

### See You at the Movies

*Thoughts on...*

**By Dick Morgado**

The Royal Theater was a seedy little movie venue in New Bedford's south end where my expertise in movie reviewing began. Mom would give me a quarter, 15 cents for admission and 10 cents for popcorn. My friends Freddy, Jimmy and Jackie and I would spend all day Saturday watching great cinemas like "Captain Marvel," "Atom Man vs. Superman," "The Green Hornet" or "Flash Gordon" serials, plus a "Bugs Bunny" or "Mighty Mouse" cartoon.

I still love a good flick, but going to the theater is not for me. Now that I am old and crochety, sticky floors, rude people talking on phones that are smarter than they are while eating noisy orange snacks is not for me. I'd rather review my movies from the seat of my recliner in the comfort of my living room. Cable TV provides an ample source of quality motion pictures.

A good old horse opera is my cup of tea. There is a new one hereabouts that you all might enjoy. It is a western about the American frontier with an English cast directed by a Brit filmed in Spain.

I suspect the proper British director learned about the old west watching those spaghetti westerns with Clint Eastwood. So-o-o many cliches. It has a damsel in

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distress (spoiler ... she turns out to be tough), who falls for a former Cavalry scout who is Native American. There are the prerequisite shoot-'em-ups, 10-gallon hats, a squeeze box playing sidekick of the villain. And they spit a lot.

It was just okay. I'll give it two stars.

The film critics, however, disagree. One called it "... classic cinema." Another called it "... a sweeping, glorious adventure. Superb. Five stars." So much for my reviewing skills.

Let us mosey on over to another film I've recently watched. This one was about two life-long friends living on a sparsely-populated island off the coast of Ireland in 1923, who unexpectedly end their relationship. Consequently, bad things eventually happen to just about



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everyone in the movie. It was beautifully filmed with good acting and has garnered numerous nominations and awards from every film critic's association ... but mine, the Mattapoissett Film Critic Guild. I found the film depressing, a sad tale of human loss.

Not so the pro reviewers. One called it a comedy! "The comic dialog is dazzlingly ..." Another compared the lead actors to "... a modern-day Laurel and Hardy." While the dialog between the two protagonists is sometimes humorous, I think it was more a Shakespearean tragedy than a madcap romp. So much for my budding film critic career.

I was once in a movie. I was teaching acting at a high school at the time. I thought it was a good idea to prove my worth, so I answered a casting call for "middle-aged men over fifty." I sent in a photo and amazingly got the part based solely on my mature good looks. It wasn't long before I found myself sitting in a makeshift dressing room in a Boston bar at 5 o'clock in the morning having my hair combed by a large, burly gentleman. "You have fine hair," he said. "You mean thinning," I politely said.

My role was as a waiter serving the stars cocktails. After 10 or 12 takes (that is reshoots of the scene for the uninitiated in film lingo), removing the drink each time, the leading man jokingly complained "where's my \*@#%&\* drink?!" On the next take, someone's phone rang, the assistant director pushed me into the scene, and I proceeded to spill the star's drink into his lap. "There's your \*@#%&\* drink" I impulsively replied. Everyone laughed.

When the film came out, all you saw of me was my behind, but I was the star of the blooper reel, and my reviews were outstanding.

*Editor's note: Mattapoissett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on ...." Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.*

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*Mattapoisett Select Board*

By Marilou Newell

A public meeting was held by the Mattapoisett Select Board on Tuesday night to hear residents' comments regarding the proposed improvements to Old Slough Road on Angelica Point.

Coming before the board was Mike Huguenin of the Mattapoisett Land Trust to share the trust's position regarding the importance of the ancient way. He said the MLT owns some 400 acres on the west side of the roadway and additional acreage on the east side. Having the roadway improved for walkers and bicyclists would be a benefit to the community and make the Land Trust

property more accessible to the public.

Huguenin said that 130 homes are located in the Point Connett and Angelica Point area, that the location is highly vulnerable to storm damage and sea-level rise with the lowest point a mere 1 foot above maximum high tides. As a secondary access for these communities during emergencies, Huguenin stated the Old Slough Road project is critical. He closed his comments by saying that up until 1985, the roadway had been maintained and "viewed as a good alternative," but in more recent decades, it had been abandoned.

The town's engineer, Ken Motta of Field Engineering, said the roadway planned for reconstruction is 3,000 feet long, following a path that terminates at Bowman Road. He said there are presently two wet crossings and that it would be 12 feet wide. Motta said the project would be primarily funded through a grant secured from Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management agency and that the town's portion would come from use of the Highway Department staff and equipment. Motta hoped for a spring bidding of the project estimated at \$600,000.

David Park, 48 Hollywoods Road, offered his suggestion to the roadway layout. He said that with some reconfiguration, the road could be placed where it will do the least damage and the most good for the neighborhood, but he also stressed that the old forest is susceptible. His main concern for the concept of using the road as an emergency access was the number of trees that will come down during a storm, basically rendering the road impassable. He also voiced his concern that once the road is improved, it will be used by dirt bikes and other motorized vehicles.

Select Board Chairman Tyler Macallister assured Park and others that the roadway will have a gate at either end to secure it from motorized vehicles. But he also noted, "We've talked a lot about trees and not the road." Macallister said that numerous trees have been damaged by moths and other insects making them weak. "Trees are going to come down." But he said, by the time the winds pick up during a storm, residents should have evacuated. "After that, all bets are off." He said the point

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of having this access road is to relieve traffic tie-ups and should Angelica Avenue become blocked, create another way to get out.

"We've received some new information tonight," Macallister stated. "We'll review this again with the engineer and legal counsel and put it on the February 14 agenda."

In other business, a group presented the board with a list of some 38 signatures requesting that the town restrict beach access to residents only. Spokesperson for the group, Debra Molloy, said that people were disturbed by large groups who were not residents but had walk-on access to the beach. She asked the board to put restrictions in place that would curtail nonresidents from gaining access to the beach.

The group and board members discussed the matter at length with Town Administrator Mike Lorencio, pointing out that public beaches are "public" in the commonwealth dating back to the 1600s, and therefore anyone can use them. He and the Select Board, however, said they would look into ways of managing walk-on beach goers.

Presently a beach sticker is needed to park at the town beaches. The group was also informed that the beach located at the end of Reservation Road is not public, has never been public and requires a golf-club-membership sticker to park in that location.

The board also briefly discussed with Lorencio the timing of budget reviews in advance of the May 8 Spring Town Meeting. They selected April 25 as the opening day for the warrant and May 1 as the closing date. Lorencio said that department budget drafts are being received now. A schedule for meeting with the town's departments is pending.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board was not announced upon adjournment.

### Speed Reductions a Slow Process

*Marion Select Board*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Town of Marion's plan to reduce overall driving speed limits on all local roads from 30 miles

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per hour to 25 (unless otherwise posted) will take time to implement, Department of Public Works engineer Meghan Davis reported during the Marion Select Board's January 18 public meeting.

The plan, the product of meetings of the Pedestrian Safety Study Group appointed by the Select Board in August 2022, requires the approval of the state Department of Transportation and excludes any roads managed by commonwealth.

Along with Davis, group members include Police Lieutenant Jeff Habicht, Noel Pardo, Mike Russo and Hal Curtis.

In distributing maps illustrating the proposed changes, Davis summarized other recommendations of the group: Implement a 20 mile-per-hour speed safety zone around school areas on Main and Spring Streets and on a portion of Front Street, install a removable speed cushion on Front Street near the Music Hall and install transverse markings on the southern portion of Point Road.

The speed cushion, said Davis, is removable for snow plowing in winter and helps reduce speeds for Marion's increased summer population, especially at the heart of the village and down to Silvershell Beach.

"Transverse markings are a series of white stripes on a curved area that are spaced appropriately so it looks like you're ... traveling faster than you actually are," explained Davis.

Asked by Select Board member Toby Burr, Davis confirmed that the Planting Island Causeway will remain a 15 mile-per-hour speed limit.

At the entry points to Marion, road signs will be posted stating the new 25 mile-per-hour limit unless otherwise posted.

MassDOT still dictates and posts state-ordained speed limits on state roads such as Route 6, but the agency also must approve all of Marion's regulatory limits. "We are currently working with MassDOT on the process to implement these revised speed limits in town," said Davis, indicating that Select Board member Norm Hills has been participating in that effort.

Once MassDOT approves of the changes, a cost estimate will be established, followed by public notification. Then the DPW will coordinate with the Police Department on a timeline.

Last year at the beginning of the process, the DPW presented a GPI study bringing about recommendations that the Select Board approved. Not much in the way of public comment was made, but the comments were supportive of the measures.

Burr suggested revising the map to highlight roads with adjusted speed limits.

The Select Board voted to approve the DPW's pursuit of implementation of the presented plan. In her report to the board, Interim Town Administrator Judy Mooney said indications from architectural firm Catalyst show the construction price of the new Marine

Center to be growing.

"Unfortunately, they have gone up significantly," said Mooney. Future meetings will look at funding options.

Mooney also said that cost estimates for construction of the new Department of Public Works operations center were expected from lead designer Will Saltonstall within the next week.

The public is urged to visit [marionma.gov](http://marionma.gov) to learn about two connected issues facing the town.

One is Weston and Sampson's study on Marion's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP); there will be opportunities for public feedback in March.

The other is a reminder that the public-comment period for the state's Title 5 septic regulations (requiring denitrification technology in all areas deemed nitrogen-sensitive) is set to expire on Monday, January 30, at 5:00 pm. Two final public hearings, slated for January 24 and 25, required preregistration and were accessible via [marionma.gov](http://marionma.gov).

Mooney also updated the meeting on the search for a new town administrator in the wake of Evan Lehrer's decision to remain with the Town of Mashpee. The Select Board scheduled an executive session on January 19 to discuss strategy.


The board voted to approve water/sewer commitments of \$250 (new water tap December 9, 2022), \$260.09 (final readings December 30, 2022), \$595 (backflow



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tests January 3) and \$421.72 (final readings January 5.)

There was no public comment at the January 18 meeting.

The next regular public meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, at 6:00 pm. The Capital Improvements Planning Committee is scheduled to present its rankings of capital projects for FY24.

### **Mattapoisett Boatyard Clears ConCom**

*Mattapoisett Conservation Commission*

**By Marilou Newell**

During the January 23 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission, the owners of the Mattapoisett Boat Yard and Brandt Cove Marina, David and Ned Kaiser, finished providing details for two projects on the agenda.

The first project heard was a Notice of Intent filing for the boatyard located on Ned's Point Road. That location suffered a devastating fire that destroyed all the buildings on the property, along with many boats and vehicles in the late summer 2022.

The Notice of Intent as laid out by representative David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc. includes the construction of a two-story, 10,570-square-foot metal building situated 12 feet from the south property line along the waterfront.

Davignon said this structure is the beginning for a larger master plan still in the works but also represents

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a 56% overall decrease in lot coverage from the original layout. He said that the timeframe for construction is pending due to long lead times for receiving the metal building materials. Davignon also noted that a Zoning Board of Appeals approval will be sought for the 12-foot setback.

It was further pointed out that the boatyard still has a fully compliant boat-washdown system registered with the Environmental Protection Agency.

After some discussion on state Department of Environmental Protection performance standards, that is the lack thereof for a project of this scope, the commission's agent Brandon Faneuf requested that the applicant provide a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and that this request be part of the conditions imposed upon the project. The project was conditioned as noted. Next step for the applicant – the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Kaisers also filed a Notice of Intent for their marina located at 21 Dupont Drive in the Brandt Island neighborhood. Previously submitted in the spring of 2021, the proposed project was for the expansion of Brandt Cove Marina (Buzzards Bay Management LLC.)

The earlier proposal had met with some neighborhood pushback, Davignon said, primarily around possible eel-grass beds and a large-wave attenuator associated with the dock field. That larger project, Davignon said, is now reduced to a mere 2,000 square feet and minus the wave-attenuating fence. The updated project also includes the installation of 39 pilings, some to aid pilings in place and some new. Approximately 10 new slips will be added with the extension.

Conservation Commission Chairman Mike King added that the project will require permitting and oversight by the Army Corps of Engineers and a Massachusetts Waterways Chapter 91 license. The project was conditioned for construction.

In other business, a NOI filed by Kenneth and Elizabeth Ackerman, 4 Grove Avenue, for the construction of a two-story garage with second-floor living space was continued to February 13. The filing includes the removal

of eight trees with in-kind replacement and a request by the agent that a study of the mean high-water mark for a stream on the property be conducted. Faneuf said he wanted to accurately depict the stream's activity for the file. The project will also require permissions from the ZBA.

A NOI filed by McGrath Realty Trust was conditioned. The project includes the repositioning of boulders and a completed lot survey that was submitted for the planned 20x30-foot parking area adjacent to 7 Cove Street. The plan also includes the planting of beach grass.

A Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Jeffrey Dunn, 0 Angelica Avenue, for the installation of 300 feet of 8-inch water line with a hydrant in the roadway for future development of house lots received a negative decision.

During the agent's report later in the meeting, Faneuf reported that the Board of Health has been notified and is taking action to stop the flow of raw sewage being discharged into wetlands at Brandt Point Village. "I have never seen anything like this in my 25 years," he commented. The apparent problem, he explained, was the connection of sewer pipes to stormwater systems in the subdivision.

King ordered a cease-and-desist letter be sent to the property owner identified by last name only (Napolitano) for lots 56 and 57 on Brandt Island Road for failing erosion controls.

King also requested that a letter be sent to Farland Corporation for issues of construction debris and collapsed erosion controls that the owner was previously asked to clean up at Martha's Vineyard Drive lots 5 and 6.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, February 13, at 6:30 pm.

## **More Solar Discussed at Benson Brook**

*Marion Energy Management Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

Bill Saltonstall has an idea for that ugly patch of land across the parking lot from Marion's Wastewater Treatment Plant that had been briefly considered but quickly scrapped as a potential site for the town's new Department of Public Works operations center: a solar farm.

In sharing with Monday night's regular public meeting of the Marion Energy Management Committee, Saltonstall noted that the town is not permitted to generate and net-meter any more electricity than the total used by the plant.

"There's a lot more than 2 acres across the driveway from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It used to be a leaf dump, now there's some old vehicles," said Saltonstall, who estimates a 4-acre site that should work out for Marion's generating capacity and grow in step

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with the town's power requirements.

Saltonstall reported that DPW Interim Director Becky Tilden said there are no set plans for that area, making it potentially available to the MRC. With a wetland area in the next lot toward Route 6, Saltonstall sees no possibility for an abutting residential development.

"It looks to me as though that might be a pretty good spot for the solar array," he said.

In FY19, Saltonstall said, 99.3% of Marion's power went through Future Generation Wind. In FY20, that figure dropped to 91% and in FY21 down to 75.9% before recovering to 80%. Saltonstall figures that minus power from Future Generation Wind, 463,970 kilowatt hours could be legally contributed from some other source.

"So I'd like to see if we could add solar totaling up to the allowed amount," he said, noting annual (Wastewater Treatment Plant) power usage at 717,000 kilowatt hours per year. "Within 2 acres, we could generate 500,000 kilowatt hours ... or simply build that solar field and tie it directly into the (Wastewater Treatment Plant) behind the meter, because the total power, say 500,000 kilowatt hours, would easily fit inside of the 717,000 it takes to run the plant."

He compared the model to what homeowners are doing.

Saltonstall acknowledged that some soil on the site could need a survey for contamination but still would not discount a solar installation based on other projects built on contaminated land. He suggested a lease agreement with a solar company to avoid paying up front with a bond.

According to Saltonstall, Marion will not be in the next round of Green Communities grant funding.

EMC member Alanna Nelson suggested addressing the topic with the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC), focusing on a lease arrangement that could bring Marion another \$100,000 a year.

EMC Chairman Christian Ingerslev said that as soon as the Marine Center, Town House and new DPW projects are completed, "They're all going to use more power than they have in the past."

As for the capped-landfill solar project across Benson Brook Road, Ingerslev reported that negotiations are in process with the contractor Distributed Solar Development (DSD) and that Meghan Davis and Judy Mooney are working the Marion side of it.

Nelson said that while the matter of getting power into the grid is in an appeal period, Eversource's commitment is to go ahead. The cost is going up, she said, but the Inflation Reduction Act is creating opportunities for grant funding.

Opportunities for photovoltaics (solar) including DPW roof estimates depend on potential modifications to bylaws to allow ground-mounted and roof-mounted solar, and Ingerslev told the EMC he sent a letter to Marion Building Commissioner Bob Grillo regarding the process.

The answer is the Bylaw Codification Committee, a subcommittee of the Marion Planning Board, both of which EMC member Eileen Marum is also a member. The Codification Committee, led by Norm Hills, has been amidst a giant project of revision of hundreds of bylaw corrections and updates.

"We are a bit busy getting ready for Town Meeting, but ... perhaps we can take that up at one of our sessions," said Marum, who recommended Ingerslev seek a conversation with Hills on the projects' purposes and goals. "It doesn't look very onerous to me."

Even if the project had to go to site-plan review, it would not be a reason to delay a project from moving ahead," said Nelson. "It's not like site-plan review is an insurmountable barrier to getting any project done."

The EMC is looking to appear before the Select Board prior to March 7.

The next meeting of the Marion Energy Management Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 27, at 5:00 pm.

## Private Pool Approved

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

The Rochester Planning Board Tuesday permitted the construction of an in-ground swimming pool behind a multi-unit home at 7 Marion Road. Building owner Kerri

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Souza received approval to install an 18x36-foot, 6-inch-deep pool with a steel-wall vinyl liner that she alone will use behind her four-unit building.

The project's installer, Gary Medeiros, promised the board the pool won't be visible from the road. It will be surrounded by an ornamental aluminum fence, and all the fill created by the work will remain on site.

In answer to the Planning Board's questions, Medeiros said the pool will be situated 24 feet away from the main building and 30 feet from the accessory building. Souza assured the board this will be a private pool for her use only. It will be accessible from the back door of her unit. She rents out the other three units.

Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson signaled the panel's approval by instructing Town Planner Nancy Durfee and Board Administrator Dawn DiMaggio to draft a decision that the board members will sign at their next meeting.

Prior to this hearing, the board approved and signed the Scenic Highway permit application to place a 1,100 foot-long, 8-foot-tall, deer-exclusionary fence along the Elliot Farm property on Marion Road.

The board then continued until February 28 its hearing into the special permit and site-plan-review application for a large-scale, photovoltaic canopy system being proposed in the rear parking lot of Rochester Memorial School. Durfee said project petitioners told her they have yet to complete their landscaping plan.

Rochester's new Building Commissioner Paul Boucher asked the board for direction on handling proposals to build in-law apartments. He said this type of construction is not addressed by town bylaw. "What direction or information can you give me?" he asked. "Or do we entertain a new bylaw?"

Boucher said he liked the board's simple answer. Johnson said this type of application should be forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The board's business ended with a discussion of zoning articles for the spring annual Town Meeting. Durfee said that what's needed will be language revisions to regulations regarding "orderly development," marijuana retail and production regulations and agricultural/residential regulations.

Johnson said, at this point in time, "placeholder" articles are what's needed. Exact language won't be necessary until April.

The board's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall conference room, 1 Constitution Way.

## Residential Dock Cleared for Repairs

*Marion Conservation Commission*

**By Mick Colageo**

Thomas Bowler was voted an Order of Conditions to conduct maintenance repairs to his 165-foot existing timber dock at 17 Moorings Road.

Meeting on January 11, the Marion Conservation Commission heard from Ben Foley of Foth, who represented Bowler with a presentation indicating plans to replace the "structural elements" supporting the residential, licensed dock. The project lists "in-kind replacement of various timber, conduit and hardwired components" and "full replacement of the timber stairs with new handrails."

Acknowledging the straightforward project, Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee asked the Commission to consider the fact the entire staircase was missing during his site visit. "It's almost so specific that I wondered in the implementation of this work, you discover an extra brace gone, would we be asking you to come back for an amendment?" he asked.

Guey-Lee directed his question more at the commissioners. In response, Conservation Commission Chairman Jeff Doubrava anticipates the applicant will come back for a Certificate of Compliance, and the Commissioners will take it from there.

The hearing was closed, and Commissioner Ethan Gerber took the lead on a motion for an Order of Conditions, including special conditions to avoid damage to coastal resource areas at the site.

Bracken Realty LLC was voted an Order of Conditions after filing a Notice of Intent for a proposed seawall, staircase improvement and a patio at 1 West Drive.



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Representative Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., said the applicant is looking to improve on what he described as "the scary access" (an uneven, stone staircase) down to the beach. The plan proposes to remove a portion of the vertical seawall in favor of a 6-to-1 sloped, 4-foot-wide walkway.

Acknowledging significant change in grade, the plan proposes erosion controls.

Doubrava, who visited the site, agreed on the adventurous beach access. He said he had no concerns based on the plan, but his motion included siltation fencing, hay bales and measures to manage roof runoff. The membership concurred.

Davignon's plan for seawall repair and improvement at the Estate of Alexander Harcovitz at 17 Seaside Lane was not met with approval.

Representing Harcovitz, Davignon described the project as a very old home protected by multiple seawalls that require upgrade to a consistent, 10-foot dimension with the removal of random stones and boulders.

The state Division of Marine Fisheries sent a letter with comments that held weight with the Commission, the members of which had, as Shaun Walsh put it, "many concerns" with the project as designed. Walsh cited the vibrant marine life in the resource area.

Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee asked Davignon to take the comments from DMF and organize alternative designs that would resolve the footprint and regulatory constraints. "I'm happy to work with you on that," said Guey-Lee.

The case was continued to January 25 at 7:00 pm.

In a continued public hearing, a Notice of Intent filed by Michael Popitz and Timothy Milbert was met with an Order of Conditions for the treatment and removal of invasive phragmites within the wetland resource area at 64 and 72 Indian Cove Road.

Acknowledging the expertise of Representative Brad Holmes of ECR, Commissioner Emil Assing expressed concerns about the methodology of herbicide treatment and mowing and sought the Commissioners' feedback. Doubrava found more precedence in the plan, and Walsh suggested a condition limiting mowing and

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spraying beneficial and desirable species. Guey-Lee suggested incorporating a Natural Heritage agency letter in the decision.

In response to the Zoning Board of Appeals' request for comment on Don Easterday's application to build a garage at 52 Cove Circle, it was determined there are wetlands 63 feet from the proposed structure on the adjacent site. The Commission plans to recommend Easterday file a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Conservation Commission.

Guey-Lee discussed a recent heating-oil spill at 604 Point Road, resulting in an Emergency Order. Pads applied to the area are designed to absorb oil but not water. Guey-Lee said there is progress and no evidence of

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contamination of the wetlands at the site.

The Commission discussed its budget report for FY23 and voted to approve a level-funded budget for FY24. The funds are mainly used for educational/training purposes. The Commissioners also voted to accept its Annual Report.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 25, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station and also accessible live via Zoom.

## **Alves' Actions Inspire**

*Marion School Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

Marion School Committee Chairperson April Nye opened the committee's January 11 public meeting with recognition of 10-year-old Sippican Elementary School student Davin Alves, whose hard work on behalf of the United Way of New Bedford raised nearly \$1,000 used to buy food for needy people during the holiday season.

"Thank you!" said Alves, who was presented a certificate amidst applause from the committee members and the ORR Central Office team.

Nye would revisit Alves' accomplishment during her Chairperson's Report.

"Seeing his fundraising efforts ... it really brought it home to me and made me appreciate this young man and his family and their efforts toward our community. It just kind of made me look at things in a bigger picture," said Nye. "I appreciate what he did and looking at it and ... with everything else that's going on with school committees and whatnot, it just made me think, you know, we all could take a lesson from that (11)-year-old about the way that we talk and the way that we conduct ourselves."

In his Central Office Report, Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson told the committee that the ORR District has received \$50,000 in grant funding for its Acceleration Academy to be implemented during the February and April vacation weeks. Applications went out to district families during the second week of January.

Nelson said the next SMEC collaborative meeting for family engagement will be held remotely on February 1 with Sarah Ward, whose clinical background will be brought to bear on executive functioning and how families can support students in bridging the gap between home and school.

ORR heard from the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and learned that the district's audit of its English Language Services that began last year is complete and meets DESE's standards.

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Shari Fedorowicz reported that the Literacy grant received by the district is in action with weekly

programming, most recently developing the Literacy Action Plan. Fedorowicz thanked school leadership and faculty for moving the plan forward.

ORR scheduled a professional-development day for Friday, January 13 and also took its fourth "learning walk" by visiting Rochester Memorial School.

Nye asked Nelson to pass along thanks to Director of Student Services Craig Davidson, who was unable to attend the committee meeting, for his work on the Acceleration Academy.

In a discussion about the FY24 operating budget, Nelson said that Nye and member Michelle Smith have been working alongside the Budget Subcommittee has on a draft budget, and School Committee met Marion's December 23 deadline for department heads to submit their proposed budgets.

The FY24 budget has been designed to maintain current levels of programming and staffing. A main budget driver, said Nelson, is inflation's impact on utilities, needed financial literacy support accounting for a 14% tuition increase for special education and private-school tuition.

Nelson credited Marion Finance Committee Chairman Shay Assad for his work in partnership with the Budget Subcommittee.

A public hearing is anticipated for the one of the next School Committee meetings, said Nelson. The committee will vote on whether to recommend the budget as an article for the voting residents to decide upon at the Spring Town Meeting.

In her Principal's Report, Marla Sirois highlighted equity in school and recent activities around the holiday season, including Project Grow door decorations and first graders' family events.

"It was great to have volunteers back in the building, we're so excited," said Sirois.

Grade 5 students learned about a solar-powered boat that cleans up trash in Maryland, then practiced with Lego robots. Grade 4 learned about circuits and created holiday cards that lit up, and several grades participated in an optional, eight-week mathematics challenge.

After a visit to Sippican by members of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, students participated in class trips to New Bedford to work with the orchestra. The Sippican Concert Choir helped the Town of Marion kick off its annual Christmas Stroll, and the school band led the parade around village streets. Sippican students participated in an effort that accomplished the donations of 100 new toys to Gifts to Give.

The committee approved the disposal of speech and language materials out of date or otherwise no longer usable, along with a vote to recycle tech items, either broken beyond repair or incapable of updating to the latest software.

Since the last Marion School Committee meeting, the ORR Facilities Department has hired Cody Leonardo as the Building & Grounds Supervisor at Sippican School.

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He was scheduled to start on January 25.

The School Committee voted to appoint Melissa Wilcox as the School Committee secretary and add her as a recording secretary.

During a brief but emotional Public Comment session, Christine Legault, 508 County Road, told the committee she had exercised her rights under the federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) to request Sippican's fifth-grade curriculum and received the information, only to see her access later denied.

"It was pulled from me and stopped and ceased and never allowed to continue, and I'm not really sure why when I have a federal right ... to see how and what you are teaching my child every day ...," said Legault,

who added that no teachers have responded to her inquiries. "I can't even get what the kids are even doing for gym for the next four weeks so I know how to deal with my daughter's really long hair or what to put on her."

Legault reiterated that she has gone through the proper channels and said she even contacted DESE, which she said confirmed her understanding of her rights as a parent. "I really think you guys need to come up with a policy and procedure to allow all parents, not just those that can jump through your hoops and come in during the day, to see the curriculum and know what you're doing."

The School Committee approved three donations to Sippican School: 16 \$25 Target store gift cards totaling \$400 from St. Vincent de Paul, \$2,078.58 from LifeTouch for the Fall Individuals 22-23 Program and \$500 from Cape Cod 5 Educational Mini-Grant program to teacher Cathleen Furtado for securing additional reading materials for Sippican students.

The committee voted to enter executive session and only returned to adjourn the public meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Marion School Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, at 6:30 pm.

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Dear Editor:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is proposing a set of rules that would require

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homeowners on the SouthCoast, Cape Cod, and the islands to replace their septic systems with the latest nitrogen-filtering technology to reduce nitrogen-rich wastewater runoff that stimulates algae growth harmful to plants and animals in local waters. Before any proposed rules go into effect, homeowners deserve answers to the following questions.

What research has been done in determining the contribution of golf courses, farms, and cranberry bogs to the overall nitrogen load of the Buzzards Bay watershed? What factors influence how much nitrogen is getting downstream? Is there significant variation in nutrient runoff from one golf course, one farm, or one cranberry bog to the next, when considering similar fertilizer and

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water applications?

What are the biggest factors influencing nitrogen discharge off of golf courses, farms, and cranberry bogs concerning the Buzzards Bay Watershed? How and to what extent is our groundwater impacted by the location of golf courses, farms, and cranberry bogs?

What research, if any, quantifies the trends and patterns of nitrogen loads from the atmosphere relative to those of other nitrogen sources over a century?

Finally, where is the data coming from to determine nitrogen percentages in the watershed? Towns along the SouthCoast, Cape Cod, and the islands deserve answers to make prudent decisions on where and how to invest money to bring down nitrogen pollution.

Public hearings end January 30th, to register for a remote session in advance go to: [us06web.zoom.us/join/9hEmYWWTSqq\\_UZf8suOgQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/9hEmYWWTSqq_UZf8suOgQ)

Sincerely,

Eileen J. Marum, Marion

To the Editor:

I was quite disappointed to see that the ORR Joint School Committee voted to make Good Friday a full school day for the 2023-2024 school year.

ORR already tried to make Good Friday a school day back in 2014. Hundreds of residents publicly objected to the change at the time, and when Good Friday 2015 arrived, ORR Jr. High School saw a student absentee rate

of 20 percent, and the high school saw 21 percent. The district rightfully returned Good Friday to a day off.

Between the exposition of sexually explicit comic books and the Good Friday decision, something is going very wrong in the ORR school district.

Our community should all work to make some much-needed changes.

David F. Pierre, Jr., Mattapoisett

### Academic Achievements

The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the Fall 2022 semester.

**Samuel Harris** of Marion earning Honors

**Alexandra Old** of Marion earning Highest Honors

**Lauren Pina** of Marion earning High Honors

**John Meehan** of Mattapoisett earning High Honors

**Emily DellaCioppa** of Mattapoisett earning Honors

**Steven Carvalho** of Mattapoisett earning High Honors

**Serena O'Connell** of Mattapoisett earning Honors

**Tucker Nugent** of Mattapoisett earning Highest Honors

**Caitlyn King** of Mattapoisett earning High Honors

**Kyah Woodland** of Rochester earning High Honors

**Noah Hanson** of Rochester earning Highest Honors

**Jonathan Borsari** of Rochester earning High Honors

**Stephen Marston** of Rochester earning Honors

**Chase Guard** of Marion has been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the Fall 2022 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Guard is a Business Administration major at Plymouth State.

### Mattapoisett Harbor Bills

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### Marion Natural History Museum

The Marion Natural History Museum after-school program for **February 15** will be Bird Feeders and Winter Bird Exploration with Manomet bird observatory. Students will explore local birds that overwinter in Massachusetts. They will be given model birds to identify and information about their overwintering behaviors and diet. Students will have to determine what would be the best food source for their bird based on options provided: mixed seed, sunflower seeds, acorns, etc. and then will be given the task of creating an ideal bird feeder for their birds, given materials provided. We can also go outside to look for natural materials if the space/time allows. Students will find locations to put their bird feeders where they can be checked on to see what types of animals visited their feeders, if they were successful, and if there were any modifications students would make in the future. Program fee is \$8.00/members and \$10.00 nonmembers. Please register online at [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org).

### Winter Mindfulness Walk

Join the Mattapoissett Land Trust for a chance to shake off those winter blues and center yourself in the present. We are lucky to have Carly Baumann a local professional with training and certifications in Yoga, Yoga Nidra and meditation, lead this experience for us all. Carly will lead participants in a practice of mindfulness with moments of silent exploration and group sharing while walking through nature.

On Sunday, **February 5**, we will meet at the MLT kiosk at the end of Anchorage Way, which leads to the Brandt Island Cove District. The walk will be starting at 10:00 am and will conclude at 11:00 am. We will be walking rain or shine, so wear appropriate outdoor footwear and clothing (it may be muddy.) This is a free event and all are welcome.

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Carly Baumann and will now be offering mindfulness walks seasonally. Keep an eye out for the next walk in the Spring.

### Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 1**. We meet at the American Legion Eastman Post on Depot Street. Doors open at 5 pm for social time followed by dinner at 6 pm. Our speaker program begins at 6:45. Colby will be preparing a filling and delicious meal. New members are always welcome. Please contact Chuck at [cwmccullough@comcast.net](mailto:cwmccullough@comcast.net) with questions.



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- Musical Theatre Mastermind - 3-month virtual Artist Development Program worth \$8,000
- General Arts Grant to cover anything a young artist could need: e.g. computer software, classes, instruments, travel, etc. Several grants available ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, depending upon requests and the number of applications.

The Nolan Gibbons Memorial Fund was created to empower and support performing artists. "We know how much it takes to perform and make music. Nolan was constantly taking new classes, traveling and buying new technology and instruments. We are thrilled to offer these scholarships in his name, to help others who want to perform or produce music but may need some financial help to move forward. We designed the General Arts Grant specifically to cover many items or experiences that a young performer may need to help them grow." - Sheila J. Gibbons, Founder of NGMF.

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These scholarships and grants are funded by donations to The Nolan Gibbons Memorial Fund and proceeds from the annual NolanFest live music event held each summer at Silvershell Beach in Marion.

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# OBITUARIES



**Carrie Ann (Meunier) Mello**, 52, of Wareham passed away suddenly on Thursday, January 19, 2023.

Born in Middleboro, she was raised in Rochester and graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School. She later received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Phoenix.

Carrie had been employed by Trinity Solar for the past three years and was very excited to receive a promotion this past December. She had an amazing work ethic and always strived to work hard and conquer any challenges in her way.

Carrie had a love for animals which stemmed from growing up on a small farm and spending countless hours caring for them. She loved all kinds of music and really appreciated the true meaning of the lyrics. Carrie had overcome so many obstacles in her life and did it with amazing pride. She played baseball for years and was a cheerleader in high school. Carrie would always go out of her way to help anyone who needed it. She was a person who many of us relied on and she did it effortlessly.

She is survived by three loving children, Jeffrey Michael Mello, Krystin Marie Mello, and Cassandra Rose Mello; two beautiful grandchildren, Gatlin Richard Morlock and David Michael Cordeiro; her parents, Denise Marie Gilbert and her husband David, and Michael Peter Meunier and his wife Phyllis; her sister, Marybeth Tripp; and her brother, Michael Peter Meunier.

Her Memorial Visitation will be held Thursday, January 26, 2023 from 4-7 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, donations in Carrie's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave., Waltham, MA 02451. For directions and guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Jacqueline L. (LeMaire) Fallows**, 80, of Fairhaven died January 22, 2023 at home surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Fall River, daughter of the late Leonide J. and Beatrice (Couture) LeMaire, she lived in Fall River most of her life before moving to Fairhaven 17 years ago.

She was a graduate of Dominican Academy and St. Anne's School of Nursing. She began her nursing career in 1963 at St. Anne's Hospital working in the medical surgical units, emergency room, and as clinical nursing supervisor. She retired from nursing in 2007 as Director of Nursing at Clifton Geriatric Nursing Home in Somerset, Ma.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She especially enjoyed her times with family. She was always there to lend a hand to anyone in need. She had a way of connecting and leaving a lasting impression with people wherever she went. The quote she lived her life by is "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness, that I can show to my fellow-creature, let me do it now."

Travel was one of her favorite past times with Paris being her favorite destination. She enjoyed spending time at the beach, trying new restaurants, and attending the theater. Her most memorable times were attending school and sporting events that her grandchildren were involved in. She also volunteered for Southcoast Hospice and Palliative Care Services with their Camp Angel Wings. She found this event very uplifting and rewarding.

Survivors include her 2 daughters, Susan Kvilhaug and her husband Brian of Mattapoisett and Cheryl Cantara and her husband Jeff of Fairhaven; a brother, Robert LeMaire of California; 4 sisters, Pierrette Sullivan, Florence Taylor, Madeleine Bailey and Caroline Charest, all of Somerset; 4 grandchildren, Allison Kvilhaug, Nathan Kvilhaug, Dylan Cantara and Kelly Cantara; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Dr. Roger LeMaire.

Her visiting hours will be held on Wednesday, February 1st from 4-7 PM at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 2nd at 10 AM in St. Mary's Church, 440 Main St. Fairhaven. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Camp Angel Wings, c/o Southcoast VNA attn: Joanne Gregory, 200 Mill Rd. Fairhaven, MA 02719. For directions and guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Michael P. Lamoureux, Sr**, 80 originally of Mattapoisett, died on January 21, 2023 after a brief illness at the Pierce Memorial Baptist Home in Brooklyn, CT.

He was the beloved husband of the late Elizabeth P. Lamoureux. He was born in Holyoke, MA. Michael held the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army and served honorably in the Viet Nam War. Michael and his wife, Bette, settled in Mattapoisett and raised their four children.

Michael was an active member of the Mattapoisett Community and was a past Commander of the American Legion Florence Eastman Post 280, President of the Mattapoisett Lions Club and a member of the Mattapoisett Machacam Club. Michael operated the Mattapoisett location of the G.H. Dunn Insurance Agency for decades.

Survivors include three sons, Michael P. Lamoureux



week due to safety concerns.

Work to remove the tree is expected to begin on Monday, January 30.

The tree sits between the library and Sippican Elementary School. The tree, which is believed to be over 100 years old, is regularly cared for by the Marion Parks and Tree Committee.

When it was noticed that the tree was losing branches and bark, it was evaluated by Bartlett Tree Experts who determined that the tree had been struck by lightning, was severely compromised and needed to be removed due to the possibility that it could fall, especially during a weather event.

A children's memorial garden also sits near the tree, which was constructed in memory of four children who have passed away while attending the Sippican School. The area includes four engraved benches and multiple planting beds.

Once the tree is safely removed, the Parks and Tree Committee plans to plant additional trees for the families. The committee hopes to involve the four families and current Sippican School students as they plan additions to the memorial area.

"We know that this tree and its position as part of the memorial garden is an important part of our town and is recognizable by many; however, we must put safety first," Interim Town Administrator Mooney said. "The town will support the Parks and Tree Committee as it makes plans to replace the tree so that the area can continue to be meaningful and honor the young lives that were lost."

Planting of potential new trees may occur in the spring once the area has been cleared.

## OBITUARIES

Jr. and his wife Robin of Englewood, CO, Robert P. Lamoureux of Concord, NC and David A. Lamoureux and his wife Rose of Moosup, CT; his daughter Mary E. Pereira and her husband Jason of Fairhaven, MA; Sister in-law Roberta Leonardi of Foxborough, MA ; seven grandchildren and four nephews.

His Graveside Service will be held at the Massachusetts National Cemetery on Monday, May 8th at 12:45 PM. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoissett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Rt 6, Mattapoissett. For online guestbook, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).

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## MAC Playwrights Incubator Program

The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a program for first-time playwrights to see their work realized on the stage. Finding theaters to produce new or unpublished plays can be an obstacle for any new playwright. The MTPI is a structured program that aims to discover and support, through workshop and production, new stage plays by first time, unpublished regional playwrights. These plays are small cast shows with one to six characters. Selected playwrights will work with two mentors who are experienced theater artists to fine-tune their plays over the course of several months and prepare the script for production. After regular writing evaluations, when the script is ready, the mentors will work with the MAC to find a director and assist her or him in casting the show with appropriate actors. One or more readings with a select focus group audience will include a feedback/response process, and the end result is a completed script, ready for debut performance for a live audience on stage at the Marion Art Center.

Any new writer who has not yet been published or had a play produced is invited to submit her or his script or outline for consideration. There is no cost to participate in this program. Selected applicants are required to sign an agreement with the MAC Theater, outlining expectations and a commitment to the program. Playwrights must be available to meet on site with mentors for readings and all aspects of the production



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## PUBLIC ACCESS

### Comcast Channel 9

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Thursday January 26, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body  
8:30 AM You and Your Health  
9:00 AM A Conversation With...  
9:30 AM Arts Alive  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Auto Sense  
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:30 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Andrew Santos  
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
3:30 PM Marion COA Informational Session  
4:30 PM Ron Winer - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels  
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
7:30 PM This is America & The World  
8:00 PM Money Matters TV  
8:30 PM Registers Report  
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church  
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday January 27, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body  
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities  
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM Cape Conversations  
11:30 AM A Conversation With...  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Off the Shelf

3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
3:30 PM This is America and the World  
4:00 PM Paltrocst  
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
4:57 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series - Dr. Michael Moore  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band  
7:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Astronomy  
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World  
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:30 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday January 28, 2023

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
9:00 AM Health Source  
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM A Conversation With...  
11:00 AM Auto Sense  
11:30 AM Science 360  
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Gordan Goodwin  
2:30 PM XUC Pro Wrestling  
3:00 PM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz  
3:30 PM South Coast Matters  
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Astronomy  
5:30 PM For Art's Sake  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Portuguese History  
7:00 PM Ron Winer - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels  
9:30 PM Registers Report  
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business  
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday January 29, 2023

6:00 AM Health Source  
6:30 AM Reeling - The Movie Review Show  
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church  
8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester

10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion  
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Carol Sanz  
2:30 PM Ron Winer - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels  
3:30 PM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz  
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers  
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
5:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Climate Crisis and it's Solution  
7:30 PM This is America & The World  
8:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
8:30 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony  
10:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday January 30, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body  
8:30 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM You and Your Health  
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Shw  
10:00 AM A Conversation With...  
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM In the Toy Box  
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
2:30 PM The Collective Chat  
3:00 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony  
5:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Climate Crisis and it's Solution  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
7:00 PM Ron Winer - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels  
7:30 PM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz  
8:00 PM Pete on the Street

8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
9:30 PM Building the Future  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday January 31, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body  
8:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
9:30 AM The Collective Chat  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM Arts Alive  
11:30 AM In the Toy Box  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM The Non-Profit World  
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame Ceremony  
4:00 PM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz  
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Plastic Pollution  
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling  
7:00 PM Ron Winer - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels  
8:00 PM Money Matters TV  
8:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday February 1, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body  
8:30 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
2:00 PM Auto Sense  
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday

3:00 PM A Conversation With...  
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard  
4:00 PM Paltrocst with Darren Paltrowitz  
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Astronomy  
5:30 PM Building the Future  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
7:30 PM Registers Report  
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Portuguese History  
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report  
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

## MARION GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 39

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
9:00 AM Marion Planning Board  
9:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
12:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
1:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee  
1:30 PM Marion Finance Committee  
2:00 PM Marion Board of Health  
3:35 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
4:15 PM Marion Marine Resource Committee  
5:00 PM Marion School Committee  
6:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
7:00 PM ORR Regional School Committee  
9:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen  
11:00 PM Marion Planning Board  
11:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 40

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board  
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board

of Appeal  
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee  
12:30 PM Joint School Committee  
1:30 PM ORR School Committee  
3:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
4:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
5:00 PM Rochester Planning Board  
6:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
8:00 PM Rochester School Committee  
9:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
10:30 PM ORR School Committee

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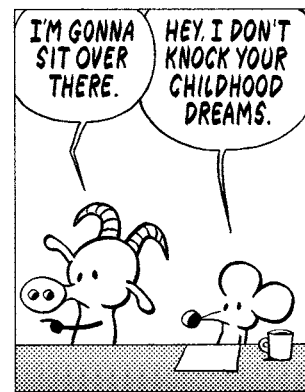
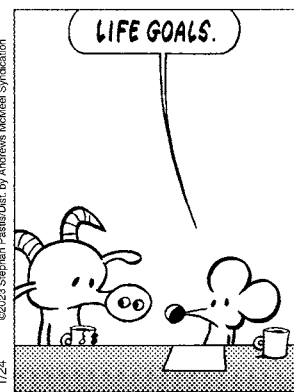
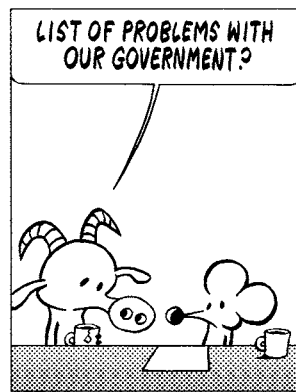
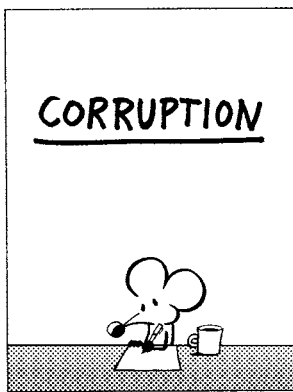
### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 AM ORR ORRJS Spring Concert  
8:30 AM Sippican Spring Concert  
9:30 AM ORRJS Guppy Tank  
10:00 AM Center School Tribute to Principal Rose Bowman  
11:00 AM Sippican Historical Society - Marconi Building  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM Old Colony National Honor Society  
1:00 PM ORR Pep Rally  
2:00 PM ORR Music Department Tribute  
3:00 PM ORRJS Winter Concert  
4:00 PM OCTV STEM Day  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
6:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Seekonk  
7:30 PM OCTV STEM Day  
8:00 PM Libraries in the Modern Day  
9:00 PM ORR Football vs Fairhaven  
11:00 PM ORRHS Boys Football vs Dennis-Yarmouth

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process, including auditions, rehearsals, tech work and performances. Apply online at [marionartcenter.org/mtpi](http://marionartcenter.org/mtpi). Applications are due by **March 1**. The selected playwright for the 2023-2024 program will be announced on March 20. Please send any questions to [mtpi@marionartcenter.org](mailto:mtpi@marionartcenter.org).

### Tri-County Symphonic Band - Winter Festival Celebration

On Sunday, **February 5** at 3:00 pm, the Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, will combine with the Our Lady of Light Band, under the direction of Scott P. Lopes, to present a Winter Festival Celebration. Each band will play from their repertoire separately and then combine at the end to form a group of 80+ musicians! The Tri-County Symphonic Band is proud to collaborate one of the finest bands from Southeastern Massachusetts as we collectively work to strengthen the musical community with this harmonious offering.

The event (concert and dinner) will be held at the Our Lady of Light Band Banquet Hall 664 Quarry Street, Fall River, MA 02723. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under. The ticket price includes a family style dinner. Doors open at 12:00 noon; dinner is served at 1:00 PM and the concert begins at 3:00 PM. Tickets may be purchased online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Four freshmen from the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School's Environmental Technology Program applied for and are now Ocean Guardian Youth Ambassadors through National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Sanctuaries Program. The four freshmen are Wareham residents Lilia Lopez Del Moral and Emma Pacheco as well as Marion residents Lia Estes and Kent Spooner.

The NOAA Ocean Guardian Youth Ambassador program provides engagement for youths whom are committed to ocean conservation. As Ocean Guardian Youth Ambassadors, these students will have access to toolkits, presentations, opportunities and guidance from NOAA scientists.

Pictured here Left to Right: Lilia Lopez Del Moral (Wareham), Lia Estes (Marion), Emma Pacheco (Wareham), Kent Spooner (Marion)

Ned's Point in the morning. Photo by Steve Chicco



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# MOVIE REVIEW

## The New Flesh

By Rob Gonsalves  
[www.robsmovievault.com](http://www.robsmovievault.com)

**Videodrome (1983).** Starring James Woods and Debbie Harry. Directed by David Cronenberg. Running time: 89 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Available on physical and streaming home media.

On February 4, it will have been forty years since David Cronenberg's *Videodrome* — his *magnum opus* about fantasy and control — emerged, like a rash, on theater screens and shortly thereafter withdrew its shingle and closed shop. In the decades since, it has been re-appraised as an important work on display in the Cronenberg museum of images and ideas. Taking the form of a classic *noir*, the film is less a whodunit than a what's-it-gonna-do-to-me. The protagonist, Max Renn (James Woods, seldom moister or better), owns and operates a shady indie TV station that traffics in the obscure and the louche. Max is always on the lookout for harder content, and he finds it in *Videodrome*, a program consisting only of torture and murder.

One of the great ironies of *Videodrome* is that the actual content of the Videodrome programming isn't the problem — it's not, in and of itself, harmful. It's just there to lure people — perhaps a certain kind of person not averse to violent fantasizing — and then the signal, which we're told could just as easily be conveyed in a test-pattern screen, causes hallucinations and, eventually, death. The concept of salacious and/or violently stimulating content as a Trojan horse for something else is borne out by Cronenberg's own movie, which attracts us with kink and splattery, suppurating Rick Baker special effects and then infects us with its virus of ideas — or at least an invitation to debate them. Unlike *Videodrome*, Cronenberg doesn't want to hurt you, just provoke thought.

Following the rabbit hole of clues and sketchy figures, Max gets involved with Nicki Brand (Debbie Harry), who gives advice on the radio by day and indulges s&m urges at night. Nicki is intrigued enough by what she sees of *Videodrome* to want to be part of it. For Max, she becomes the erotically entreating face of *Videodrome*, her lips bulging forth from the TV set from which many of Max's head trips flow. Despite the wild and often unprecedented imagery he puts on the screen, Cronenberg has never been a flashy director, which suits his material just fine. If we're to understand



what Cronenberg is telling by showing, we need to *see* it, straight on and dead-eyed. No fancy cinematic footwork will do.

Other figures fade into the picture, like gangsters out of the *noir* fog — mainly media cult types, who study the effects of mass communication and either caution against it or weaponize it. Somewhere in the film's second half, Cronenberg gets a little lost in the weeds of his own story's implications. But that's what makes it art. Cronenberg has famously said that you make a movie to find out why you wanted to make the movie. *Videodrome*, possibly, stays unresolved for us because it was unresolved for him, and how can something this visually and philosophically tangled be resolved? It can't. It can only go out on a small frequency and reach the like-minded, who may perceive its unanswered questions as a void they feel duty-bound to fill with interpretation.

Cronenberg started with a disturbing childhood experience with a TV signal that was barely coming in; the (again) unresolved fuzz and hiss of a bad signal, he thought, could have been a dark and frightening program without enough juice to cut through the static. That's not even a premise, that's a vibe, and the original tone of young Cronenberg's unease makes it into the movie. The sometime signal of the program *Videodrome* seems to cast its malefic spell by what it *conceals* as much as reveals. Sweaty imagination pastes in what the eye misses. *Videodrome* has a lot to say about the bad romance between eye and brain, mind and body. Cronenberg has taken his childhood fear and built a world of conspiracy around it. Some of it plays as old hat — Cronenberg had just been down a similar paranoid road with 1981's *Scanners* — and some of it is an excuse for Cronenberg and Rick Baker to do the Lovecraftian work of imagining the unimaginable. "Long live the new flesh" are Max's final words, and Cronenberg's artistic credo. The flesh Cronenberg shows us may be new, but it's as flawed as the old flesh, because it's ours.



## Mattapoissett Woman's Club Offers Scholarships

Mattapoissett Woman's Club is pleased to offer (2) \$2,500.00 scholarship awards to Mattapoissett residents who are high school seniors, graduating June 2023.

In addition, there will be a \$1,500.00 scholarship granted to a Mattapoissett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of a postsecondary degree or certificate.

Scholarship applications are available at guidance offices of Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Vocational Technical High School, Tabor Academy, Bristol County Agricultural and online at [www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org/](http://www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org/).

Final deadline for returning completed applications is **March 31**. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fund-raising events to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. In offering these scholarships, the club supports educational leadership and helps to support the community that has partnered with the club in its fund-raising efforts. Membership is open to any woman who is interested in the objectives of the organization.

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- Mill St – General service
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- Delano Rd – MV collision
- Benson Brook Rd – General service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- West Dr – MV collision
- Joanne Dr – Health/welfare
- Bird Island – Waterways complaint
- Bullivant Farm Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Village Dr – Found property
- Village Dr – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Smoke investigation
- Joanne Dr – Paper service
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Bass Point Rd – Animal complaint
- East Ave – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – Wildlife services
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd - Fraud
- Cove St – EMS/medical
- Washburn Park Rd – General service
- Jenney Ln – General service
- Joanne Dr – Vandalism/past
- Jenney Ln – General service

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Jan 15-Jan 21

- Water St – General service
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- Wildwood Ter – 911 call
- I195 West – MV crash
- Barstow St – General service
- Randall Rd – 911 call
- Ocean View Av – Assist citizen
- Knollwood Dr – Ambulance request
- North St – Open door
- Angelica Ave – MV lockout
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- North St – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – Transport prisoner
- Homestead Ct – Suspicious persons
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- County Rd - Disturbance
- Marion Rd – Juvenile offenses
- Cannon St – Parking complaint
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd – Assist other agency
- Angelica Ave – Health/welfare
- Brandt Island Rd – Assist citizen
- North St – MV violations
- Pine Island Rd - Complaint

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Jan 15-Jan 21

- Forster Rd – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd - Threats
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – Inside smoke
- Ryder Rd – MV collision
- Martin Cir – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Clapp Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – Medical alarm
- Walnut Plain Rd - Medical
- Dexter Ln – General services
- High St – 9011 call
- Negus Way – Illegal dumping
- Burgess Ave – Animal control
- Gerrish Rd – House lockout
- Dexter Ln - Medical
- Stevens Rd - Threats
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Forbes Rd – Inside investigation
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Ashley Brook Ln – Fire alarm
- Pine St – General services
- County Rd – MV stop/arrest
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Braley Hill Rd – Medical alarm
- Bradford Ln – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – Suspicious activity

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).



## REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

### COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, Jan 30** Turkey tetrazzini w/pasta, carrots, multigrain roll, pears

**Tuesday, Jan 31:** Chicken & rice paella, chickpea blend vegetable, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit

**Wednesday, Feb 1:** Pea soup, meatloaf w/onion mushroom gravy

**Thursday, Feb 2:** Sazon pork loin, roasted yams, collard greens, wheat bread, fresh apple

**Friday, Feb 3:** Shrimp Mozambique, yellow rice, green beans, dinner roll, Mandarin oranges

### CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, Jan 30** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

**Tuesday, Jan 31:** Taco nacho platter, black bean salad, Mexicali corn

**Wednesday, Feb 1:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup,

Jones low salt sausage links, tator tots

**Thursday, Feb 2:** Meatball sub, carrot sticks, pasta salad

**Friday, Feb 3:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, Jan 30** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

**Tuesday, Jan 31:** Taco nacho platter, black bean salad, Mexicali corn

**Wednesday, Feb 1:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tator tots

**Thursday, Feb 2:** Meatball sub, carrot sticks, pasta salad

**Friday, Feb 3:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, Jan 30** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

**Tuesday, Jan 31:** Taco nacho platter, black bean salad, Mexicali corn

**Wednesday, Feb 1:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tator tots

**Thursday, Feb 2:** Meatball sub, carrot sticks, pasta salad

**Friday, Feb 3:** Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, Jan 30** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

**Tuesday, Jan 31:** Taco nacho platter, black bean salad, Mexicali corn

**Wednesday, Feb 1:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tator tots

**Thursday, Feb 2:** Meatball sub, carrot sticks, pasta salad

**Friday, Feb 3:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, Jan 30** Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans

**Tuesday, Jan 31:** Taco nacho platter, black bean salad, Mexicali corn

**Wednesday, Feb 1:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tator tots

**Thursday, Feb 2:** Meatball sub, carrot sticks, pasta salad

**Friday, Feb 3:** Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

### OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, Jan 30** Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll

**Tuesday, Jan 31:** Chicken nuggets, fries & bread

**Wednesday, Feb 1:** Cheese lasagna & garlic bread

**Thursday, Feb 2:** Sloppy Joe & fries

**Friday, Feb 3:** Assorted pizza

we need to know the best way to communicate in an emergency state

-If you take medications, we need a list

-If there is any other targeted assistance that you may need

Please call the Council on Aging at 508-748-3570 so we can compile this information which will be reported to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). We want to be prepared.

We encourage residents and family members, who may reside out of town to sign up for E- alerts from the Town of Marion (Visit [marionma.gov/subscribe](http://marionma.gov/subscribe))

### **Marion Community Preservation Committee**

Applications for Community Preservation Act funding are now available in the Town Clerk's office at the Marion Town House located at 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. The Community Preservation Act is a Massachusetts Law that allows participating cities and towns to adopt a real estate tax surcharge supplemented by State matching funds in order to fund community preservation. Eligible projects must be directed towards: open space/recreation, historic preservation or community housing. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 pm on **February 10** to be considered for presentation at the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

Past Community Preservation funds have been used to:

-Design of an accessible boardwalk and viewing platform at Osprey Marsh

-Restore the Marion Town House

-Purchase and install inclusive playground equipment at the Sippican School

-Installing fencing, ADA-compliant benches and litter receptacles at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Park

-Catalog the collections and restoring exhibits at the Marion Natural History Museum

### **Music at the MAC**

The Marion Art Center presents Paul Bielatowicz's *Nosferatu* Live on the MAC Stage, Saturday, **February 25** at 7:30 pm. Tickets are on sale now to MAC members (\$20) and go on sale to nonmembers (\$25) on **January 21** at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

Paul Bielatowicz has recorded and toured with some of the biggest names in progressive rock, including Carl Palmer, Neal Morse, Dream Theater, Yes, Todd Rundgren, Arthur Brown, Alan Parsons Project and more. When the great plague of 2020 stopped all touring, Paul turned his attention to composing and spent two prolific years writing various projects, including this prog rock soundtrack for the 1922 classic silent horror *Nosferatu*. Join Paul in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater for an evening of music and immersive multimedia, culminating in a complete performance of his original

soundtrack accompanying the iconic 1922 silent movie *Nosferatu*. For the first time, this show features 3 video screens, bringing the full-band experience to any size venue and includes an all-star guest musician lineup, joining him via his various video screens.

Musicians include: Narration by Arthur Brown (*Crazy World of Arthur Brown*); Dave Bainbridge (*Strawbs*, *Iona*) on Keyboards; Leah Bluestein (*Video Game Orchestra*, *Groundlift*) on drums; Mike Dutko (*Groundlift*) on bass guitar; Peter Zay (*New Bedford Symphony Orchestra*) on cello; Simon Fitzpatrick (*ELP Legacy*, *Jennifer Batten*) on Chapman stick and guitars, theremin and synthesizers by Paul Bielatowicz. Even if you've seen the movie, or Paul's previous performance of it, you've NEVER seen it like this.

### **Textile Tuesdays at the MAC**

Join weaver Lisa Elliott and other fiber artists in the Marion Art Center Studio the last Tuesday of each month for a textile studio session. This is not a class but an opportunity to work on your own project next to other artists, share challenges, ideas and tips, show off projects (in process or completed) or ask for feedback. Enjoy the art-making process in a social setting and get inspired. Projects may include: knitting & crochet; embroidery or hand stitching, rigid heddle loom (pre-warped) or tabletop weaving, Sashiko mending, needlepoint felting, fabric collage, spinning, small quilting projects, other

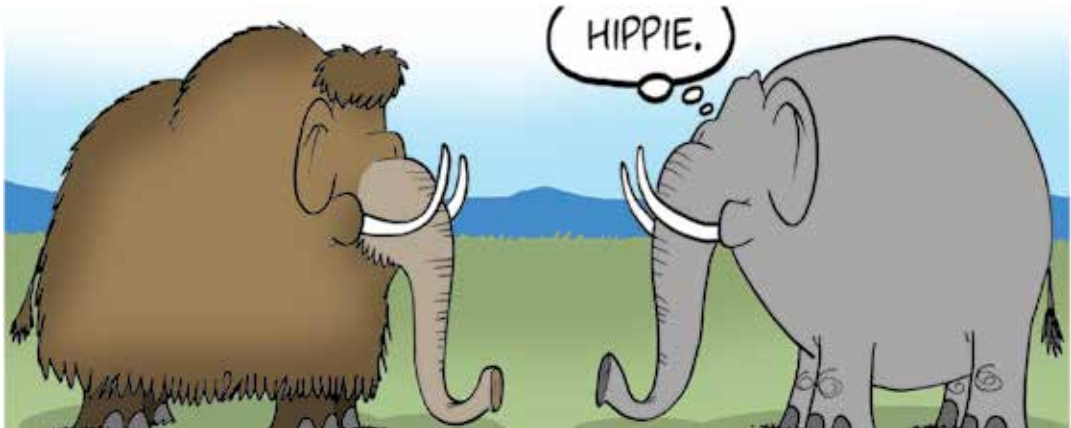
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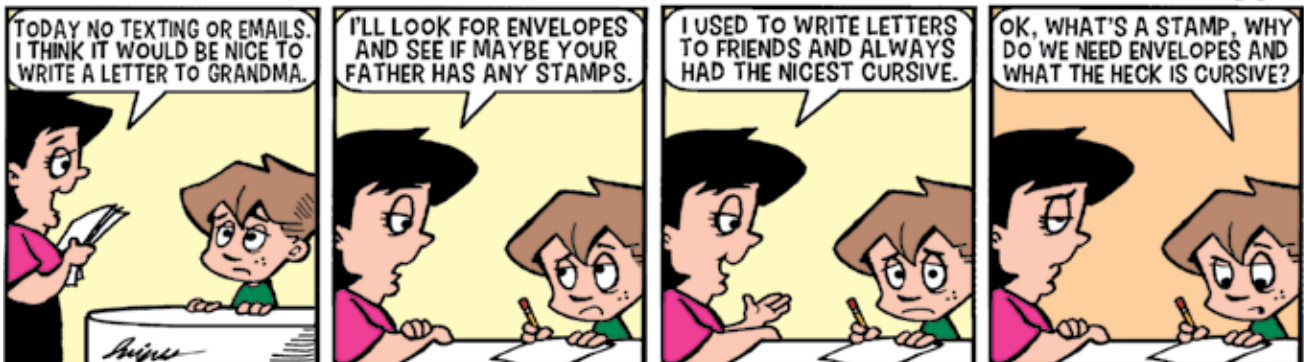


Tundra  
by Chad Carpenter



## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



handicraft projects.

The first meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, **January 31** from 6:00-8:00 pm. Space is limited to 10-12 people, and registration is recommended. Participants may bring snacks and beverages for themselves or for sharing, and the MAC will provide a hot water kettle for tea. The MAC gladly accepts cash donations of any size (suggested \$5 donation or pay-what-you-can) to participate in this monthly group session to help cover the cost of utilities. To sign up, use the online form (visit [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events)) or email your name and phone number the MAC at [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org) with "Textile Tuesday" in the subject line.

### From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

The inspiration for the "celebration" piece of our 2022-2023 museum exhibit, "Maps, Signs and Celebrations Part!" is the large sign pictured with this article. I first saw this sign a year or two ago in the barn at the Hartley-Rhodes cranberry bog. The sign evokes Rochester's history which has been celebrated many times since it was incorporated in 1686. Walter Hartley was kind enough to loan it for our exhibit.

I don't know if this has ever happened to you. You come across a reference to something that you've



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never heard of. It might be a dog breed, a name, a brand of beer, or a town. Suddenly, whatever that thing was, you see it everywhere. That's what happened to me with the painter (Charles T. Matthews) of our sign.

The first time I heard his name was when I asked who painted the sign. As I continued to put the exhibit together, I came across a large double-sided sign used by the historical society when they had a craft guild in Sam Corse's old office. It was painted by Mr. Matthews. Next, I found a Standard Times article about him from 1979 and then one of our members said that he had spent one summer working for Mr. Matthews.

It turns out that Charles T. Matthews was a well-known sign painter from the days when the signs on



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# Super Crossword

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## ACROSS

- 1 Doorway part  
5 Mix for a deli sandwich  
13 Snooty sort  
20 River in Europe and Asia  
21 Long, bitter speech  
22 Popular hot sauce brand  
23 Calf-length skirt  
24 Navigable sea route in southern Chile  
26 Hayloft sites  
28 Home to Boise: Abbr.  
29 Extra game periods, for short  
30 Distrustful  
31 Designer for Jackie Kennedy  
35 1958 Leslie Caron film  
38 Head dog  
39 — tai (drink)  
42 Really must  
47 Tag again  
51 One mapping terrain  
53 In excess of  
54 "Woe —!"  
57 Prefix with sense

- 58 — Melodies (old cartoon series)  
59 Stand-up comedy TV series  
64 Ending for form  
65 Wince  
66 Pakistani's language  
67 Like circles  
71 Daniel Boone or Johnny Appleseed  
76 Lustrous gem  
79 Pushpin's kin  
80 Jewel box for music  
84 Color  
85 Kia Sedona competitor  
90 Mystery's Christie  
94 Org. offering  
95 Actor Morales  
96 Sundae toppings  
97 Florence institute near the Uffizi Gallery  
100 New York Giants' div.  
103 Gussied up  
104 MGM's lion  
105 Tree yielding chocolate  
107 "QED" center  
109 Eric the Red, for one

- 115 Alvin of choreography  
119 Klutz  
122 Pumped stuff  
123 Flood stopper  
124 All through the dark hours  
130 Show sleepiness  
131 Most promising  
132 "Been there myself, man"  
133 Really liking  
134 Combination punches  
135 Sends along  
136 Org. associated with the nine missions featured in this puzzle

## DOWN

- 1 Very big  
2 Common typeface  
3 "The Treasure of the Sierra —"  
4 Flashy jewelry, informally  
5 Mag staffers  
6 "Skedaddle!"  
7 Tastelessly showy  
8 Sports venues

- 9 Suffix with sect  
10 Illuminated  
11 "Peek- —!"  
12 Skillful and clever  
13 JFK datum  
14 Fall behind  
15 Religious convert's cry  
16 Anecdote  
17 Atoll part  
18 Wound result  
19 Actor Danza  
25 Soup additive, for short  
27 Strikebreaker  
32 Bar drink  
33 Skedaddle  
34 "— little teapot ..."  
36 Shiba — (Japanese dog breed)  
37 Virus, e.g.  
40 A.D. part  
41 False god  
43 German "the"  
44 Sundae topping  
45 Sheer linen fabric  
46 Greek mountain nymph  
47 Use deep massage on  
48 Blackhearted  
49 Strauss of jeans

- 50 Sports venues  
51 — double life  
52 TV show since fall '75  
55 Feng —  
56 Old Ford make, in brief  
60 Pinnacle  
61 Those people  
62 Kicks on football fields  
63 Suffix with ball or bass  
68 Spanish for "dry"  
69 Lamarr of "Boom Town"  
70 Esoteric  
72 Camcorder button abbr.  
73 Primitive kind of diet  
74 Freezes  
75 Creole veggie  
76 Winner, informally  
77 Foretell  
78 Razz  
81 Water, to Juanita  
82 Mounts, as a gemstone  
83 Formerly, formerly  
86 "2001" computer  
87 Train support  
88 Harvard rival  
89 Singer Gill  
91 Golf peg

- 92 Melon variety  
93 Golden — (senior)  
98 Cavity fillers' org.  
99 Mega years  
101 Most preferred: Abbr.  
102 Corkscrew  
105 Baby bed  
106 Analyzes in a lab  
108 "TiK —" (#1 Kesha hit)  
110 Stares at creepily  
111 Enter, as to a database  
112 An ex-Trump  
113 Lizardlike amphibians  
114 Port of Italy  
115 "Hair" hairdo  
116 Pumped stuff  
117 Suffer defeat  
118 Discharge  
120 Leave — (reward the server)  
121 World Cup gp.  
125 GI tour gp.  
126 Intersectors of aves.  
127 French "the"  
128 Vie for the affection of  
129 "Sister Act" figure

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# SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Shutting people out to avoid distractions, even under a deadline, can cause hurt feelings. Instead, return calls and emails, and explain why you need a zone of privacy for now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although your keen Bull's eyes usually can discern what's fact from what's faux, that upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions. Some of them might even work for you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up that old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to any lingering questions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Mixed signals could be causing that vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave the project, ask for a meeting so that you can get things out in the open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your good intentions could backfire if you're not careful with other people's feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Take time for relaxation with someone very special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices in the first half of the month, you'll need more facts to back up your actions later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All that hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you hoped it would. Ignore comments from jealous types who are out to get the Goat riled up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems. But avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A fuzzy financial vista persists until the end of the month, when things begin to clear up. You'll also gain a better perspective on how to handle pesky personal problems.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of being there for those who need your help in difficult times.

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billboards were painted, not printed on paper that was then glued to the board. Charles Matthews was born in the South End of New Bedford and after living in a number of different places, he moved to Rochester in 1947 and continued to live there with his wife on Marion Road.

At an early age, Matthews inherited his interest in painting from a great uncle. Over the years, he studied the art of painting, first at The Swain School for several months when he was 15, and later, he completed three different art correspondence courses.

At the same time that he was studying at Swain, he began to work at the Blair Sign Co. of New Bedford where he acted as a sign board painter's assistant. This job involved a variety of tasks: putting up staging, mixing paints and filling in large areas of color that had already been outlined by the artist. Matthews learned much from other artists, especially a Mr. Braley and a Mr. Sullivan and by the age of 30, he was an accomplished billboard artist.

Billboard artists at that time usually were contracted by advertising agencies. They would receive a sketch of the proposed ad which they would then enlarge and block out on the billboard and paint. They were usually paid by the square foot for their work. Some of Matthew's more well-known signs are a 12 ft. high Miss Sunbeam (bread) and a 40-foot beer bottle. His work took him throughout New England and New York, and he painted in all kinds of weather. In 1955, he opened his own shop in Buzzard's Bay where he painted all kinds of commercial signs.

When he finally retired, he stopped painting signs, but continued with picture painting, a hobby he had indulged in alongside the painting he had done as a business. In 1979, he was working on a 4x2 ft. oil painting entitled "Town Green." The painting depicts the four buildings: Town Hall, the Academy, the 1st Congregational Church and the Plumb Library, that are situated in Rochester Center.

There is another sign in our exhibit that we believe is an example of his work. The Rochester Boat Race sign is typical of ones that were carved by Bill Watling and painted by Charlie Matthews, a true



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## ArtStart 2023 Registration Opens Soon

Registration for ArtStart 2023 at the Marion Art Center opens to MAC members on Friday, **January 27** at [marionartcenter.org/artstart](http://marionartcenter.org/artstart). Registration for nonmembers will open on Friday, **February 17**. MAC members have access to early registration and receive a significant discount on ArtStart tuition. Membership at the Family level (\$75 annually) or above is required for discounted tuition. Joining the MAC or renewing membership is easy online at [marionartcenter.org/join](http://marionartcenter.org/join).

ArtStart is the MAC's summer art program for children ages 4 1/2 to 9 years, offered in late June through July. ArtStart teachers are specialists in music, dance, theater and art, most of whom teach throughout the year and are professionals in their fields. Activities include arts and crafts, theater, music, games and storytelling. The ArtStart program runs weekly, 9:00 am-12:30 pm daily, with no camp on July 4. Cost for a five-day session is \$240 for MAC members and \$275 for nonmembers, while the cost for session two (just four days) is \$195 for MAC members and \$220 for nonmembers. The 2023 ArtStart schedule is as follows: Session 1: Monday, **June 26 - Friday, June 30**; Session 2: Monday, **July 3-Friday, July 7** (4 days, no camp on Tue.); Session 3: **July 10-14**; Session 4: **July 17-21**; Session 5: **July 24-28**. Due to very limited capacity, ArtStart fees are nonrefundable unless camp



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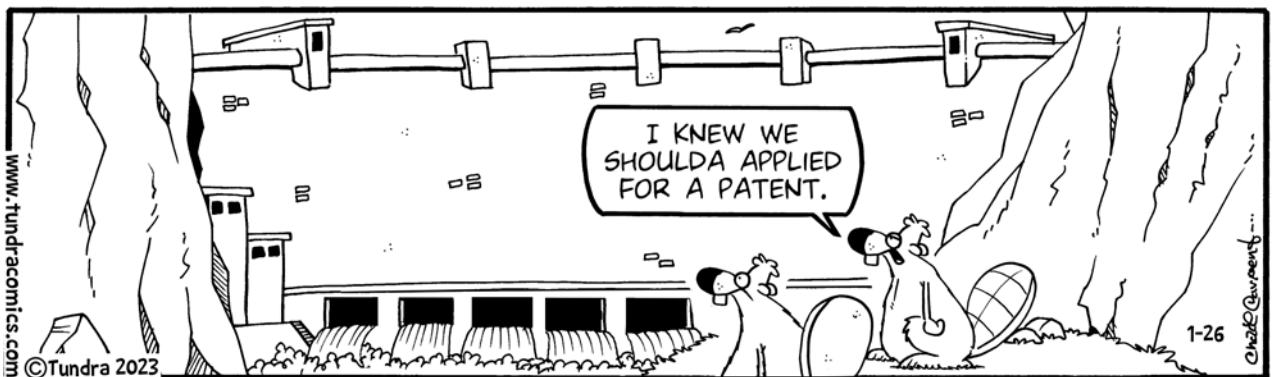
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<p><b>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #810</b></p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 9, 2023 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Kai Srisirikul, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1(e) of the zoning by-law to allow for an addition to existing non-conforming dwelling.</p> <p>The property, located at 362 Front Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 13 as Lot 19. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 1/19, 1/26</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Application for On Premises, All Alcoholic Beverages License Cast 7 Cottage Street, Marion, MA</p> <p>The Marion Select Board, acting as Local Licensing Authority, will hold a public hearing at the Marion Police Station Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, Marion, on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:15 pm on the application of CAST for an on premises, license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages. Randy L. Parker, Chair 1/26, 2/2</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday,</p>	<p>Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by David &amp; Mary Wilson, 15 Fieldstone Drive, Mattapoisett, MA. The proposed project is to expand the existing front porch and rear deck and do some clearing and grading to expand lawn area in front and back yards. The project is located at 15 Fieldstone Drive, and is further identified as Lot 76 on Assessor Map 27A. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 1/26</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Christopher &amp; Jamie L. Oliveira.</p> <p>The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicants propose to raze an existing house for the purposes of constructing a new single family dwelling within the same general footprint.</p> <p>The proposed work will be performed within the 200' Riverfront Boundary of Pine Island Brook and within the 100 ft. buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.</p> <p>The property is known as 107 County Road which is further identified as Lot #38 on Assessors Map #8. 1/26</p> <hr/>	<p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of applicability submitted by Mary A. Lapointe, 4 Ocean View Avenue, Mattapoisett, MA. The proposed project is to install an 8x12 storage shed. The project is located at 4 Ocean View Avenue, and is further identified as Lot 128 on Assessor Map 14.A **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 1/26</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 7:10 pm (via Zoom*), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Steven Wymer and Hope Sidman for the removal of invasive, non-native plant species and planting of native species to create a new landscape area on a coastal bank at 137 Allens Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 43C on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 1/26</p>

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is cancelled. Sessions fill quickly, and early registration is strongly recommended. See more details and register online at [marionartcenter.org/artstart](http://marionartcenter.org/artstart).

### Rochester Community Electricity Program

The town of Rochester announces that it will launch its electricity aggregation program, Rochester Community Electricity (RCE), in March 2023. The Program is designed to provide new, competitively priced electricity supply options and more renewable energy for residents and businesses in Rochester. The Program was approved at the Rochester Town Meeting on May 20, 2019.

"The Town of Rochester is pleased to offer a reduced electric rate starting in March of 2023 and continuing for twenty-one months" – Glenn Cannon, Town Administrator."

The Program will offer a standard product rate that meets the renewable energy standards required by state law and will be more than 36% lower than the current Eversource Residential Basic Service electricity rate of 25.649 ¢ per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for the 21-month period, March 2023 through December 2024. Future savings under the Rochester Community Electricity Program compared to Eversource Residential Basic Service are not guaranteed because utility basic service rates change every six months for residential and small business accounts and every three months for large business accounts.

The Program will also offer a 100% renewable energy rate that includes renewable energy certificates equal to 100% of a customer's metered consumption. The electricity rates will be fixed over the 21-month term of the electric supply agreement, from March 2023 through December 2024.

Savings cannot be guaranteed as compared to Basic Service rates which change every six months for residential and commercial accounts, and every three months for industrial accounts.

Rochester has initiated and will continue a broad-based education and outreach effort to make residents and businesses aware of the Program. The best place to find the most updated information is the aggregation website, [electricity.townofrochestermass.com](http://electricity.townofrochestermass.com).

In mid-January 2023, eligible residents and businesses will receive a letter on behalf of the Town from the winning electricity supplier for the Program, Direct Energy. The letter will provide detailed program information and instructions on how to choose the optional Rochester Community Electricity rate or how to opt out of Rochester Community Electricity. No action is necessary if you would like to participate in Rochester Community Electricity's default electricity rate, Rochester Standard. All Rochester residential and business accounts on Eversource Basic Service that are eligible to participate in Rochester Community Electricity will be automatically enrolled in Rochester Standard as of their March 2023

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meter read date. Anyone that does not want to participate in Rochester Community Electricity may opt out of Rochester Community Electricity without penalty, either before the Program begins or at any time during the Program.

Electricity customers who are currently enrolled with a third-party supplier will not receive the opt-out letter and will not be automatically enrolled. These customers can voluntarily join the Program, but may be subject to penalties or early termination fees from the third-party supplier if they switch to the electricity aggregation program during the term of their contract.

For more information about the Program, go to [electricity.townofrochestermass.com](http://electricity.townofrochestermass.com), call the program telephone number at (508) 301-3868 or call the program supplier, Direct Energy, at (866) 968-8065.

### Richard Van Inwegen: Photos from Our Area

Come to the Mattapoisett Library through **February 14** to view a photography exhibit by Mattapoisett resident Richard Van Inwegen. Photography has been a long-time hobby for Van Inwegen. He has taken numerous courses and seminars on photography and for several years has photographed the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and other nonprofits.

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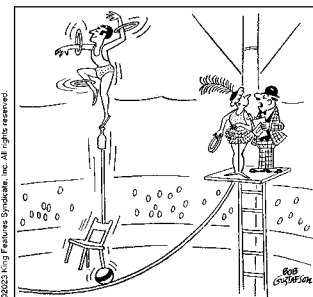
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“developed” with computer (postprocessing) to achieve a desired impact. Some prints are blends of multiple exposures to handle the wide range of light intensities; some are blends of multiple images; some are the result of creative effects done with the camera and some are just being in the right spot at the right time.

In conjunction with his exhibit, on **January 29** from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Van Inwegen will be giving a talk at the library called “Traveling for Photos and Taking Photos While Traveling.” The program is free and open to all.

### NBSO Presents the Magic of Disney

On Saturday, **January 28**, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra presents The Magic of Disney, performed by over 70 musicians under the direction of Music Director Yaniv Dinur.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Walt Disney Company, this season’s “movie night” concert will feature music from The Little Mermaid, Fantasia, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin, Lion King, Moana, Frozen and many other unforgettable tunes that have touched the hearts of millions around the world. With the added commentary (or should we say comedy) by the South Coast’s favorite Maestro, this entertaining escape to 100 years of wonder will be an evening to remember.

The Magic of Disney will take place on **January 28**, 7:30 pm, at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in downtown New Bedford.

Please join Maestro Dinur and Stonehill College Music Program Director James Bohn for the preconcert talk in the theater at 6:30 pm. Doors to the theater will open at 6 pm for the talk and 7 pm for the concert. This concert is sponsored by Feingold, Bonnet-Hebert, P.C. and Sylvia Group.

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Peter B. Hodges Memorial Scholarships are funded through events held by the Mattapoisett Lions Club throughout the year, including Harbor Days, an annual arts and crafts festival held in Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett the third weekend of July.

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### History of Marion's Portuguese, Azorean and Cape Verdean Communities

A talk on the history of Marion's Portuguese, Azorean and Cape Verdean Communities will be presented on Wednesday, **February 1**, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall. This is the second of two presentations DaSilva is giving to the Marion community. The first one, held in October, 2022 was met with wide attendance and great enthusiasm. This event is sure to be equally interesting and informative.

Rick DaSilva, board member of the Sippican Historical Society and former faculty member and history teacher at Tabor Academy, will present the second session on the findings of the recent research study prepared for the Marion Historical Commission. This talk will focus specifically on the history of the Point Road School and Post-WWII land development in the Point Road neighborhoods.

The Marion Historical Commission and the Sippican Historical Society will cosponsor the event, the culmination of several years of work by consultant Claire Dempsey and funded by grants from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the town's Community Preservation Fund.

Rick's presentation will focus on the important impact this community has had in Marion and on the examination of neighborhoods, buildings and landscapes associated with it. He will address the context of early 20th century immigration to southeastern Massachusetts



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Meg Steinberg, Chair of the Marion Historical Commission, will also explain the results of the recent Historical Survey of properties and areas associated with this history. Property owners of buildings that were individually surveyed have received copies of the historical research on their properties. This information becomes part of the Historical Commission's record, in accordance with its mission to document, understand and protect the Town's important cultural resources.

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### 2022-2023 Blue Book

The 2022-2023 Blue Book has been mailed. We would like to thank all of this edition's advertisers. If you did not receive one, they are available at three locations: Eastern Bank, 340 Front St., Marion; The Wanderer, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett and Plumb Memorial Library, 17 Constitution Way, Rochester. If you have received a copy but would like another, please consider a donation to the League of Women Voters, South Coast.

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Funding for this project was made possible by the George E. Curtis Charitable Trust.

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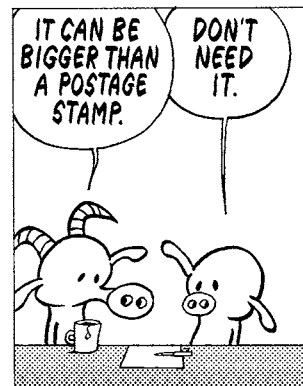
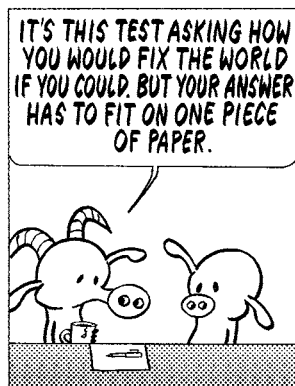
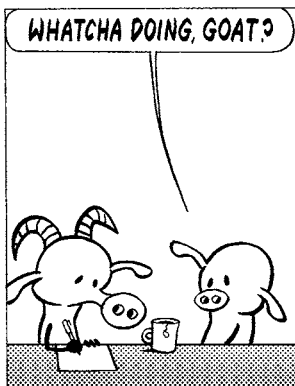
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Tri-Town against Racism (TTAR) announces they have developed a system to document discriminatory incidents experienced by community members in the Tri-Town. Collecting this information will help to identify how to best support the Tri-Town Region. The incident report can be completed online, either on a computer or mobile device, anonymously if preferred. Community members can also choose to identify themselves to TTAR in the report. Their personal identifying information will never be shared outside of TTAR. The incident report allows for individuals or families to share their stories to inform local change. Completing the form and sharing your experiences with TTAR will help to make a positive impact! The incident report can be found by visiting this link: [forms.gle/UGEsEmjBCZTEYKX56](https://forms.gle/UGEsEmjBCZTEYKX56).

### Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a fellowship that welcomes people seeking recovery from overeating, anorexia, bulimia and compulsive food behaviors. Weekly Saturday OA meetings take place in St. Gabriel's Parish Hall (Marion) at 8:00 am (Twelve Step meeting) and 9:00 am (OA Literature meeting.) For more information, visit [www.scmioa.org](http://www.scmioa.org).

### Mattapoisett Boy Scouts

The new scouting year is underway for Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop 53. Come check out Scouting. We offer activities, including biking, kayaking, hiking, climbing and fun monthly campouts and more. We are looking for boys ages 11 to 17 to join us for adventure. No previous scouting experience is necessary. Call 508-245-2948 or text for more information and check out our Facebook page at Mattapoisett Troop 53.

### Mattapoisett Recreation Fall Programming

Mattapoisett Recreation is happy to announce that sign-ups are open for all Fall Programs! Many favorites are returning, Flag football, Kid Fit, Running & Track Club, Center Stage Kids, Tennis, Pickleball (Youth & Adult lessons), Crafting & Robotics. We are pleased to announce a new before-school program, Morning



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### Mattapoisett Republican Party

The Republican Party as an organization has returned to Mattapoisett. Everyone interested in participating in the GOP should contact Paul Criscuolo, Chair Mattapoisett GOP, Email: [chairmattyREP@gmail.com](mailto:chairmattyREP@gmail.com); Mail: 82 County Road PMB #17, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; Mobile 919.247.0706; Facebook: Mattapoisett Republican Party; Twitter: Mattapoisett Republican Party @MattyMAGOP.

### Mattapoisett Woman's Club 2023 Garden Tour

Have you ever stood at the window facing your backyard and said, "The garden is really turning out beautifully this summer. I sure do wish I could find a way to share it with people." Well, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club may have a way for you to make that wish come true.

Next summer, on **June 24**, the Club will be staging its biannual Garden Tour, and your garden could be one of the showcase gardens. We are planning a Tour that features beautiful gardens of flowers, organic sustainable crops and all types of living vegetation that are not only possible but also doable for everyone with an interest in learning (more) about gardening.

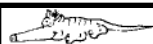
If you would like your garden to be part of the 2023 Tour, have questions about the Tour or can suggest even more homeowners to contact who might also be interested in being part of the Tour, please get in touch with Kathy McAuliffe @ [kathymcauliffe7@gmail.com](mailto:kathymcauliffe7@gmail.com). We hope to hear from you.

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## Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	January 26	11:29		4:52	5:05
Friday	January 27	12:01	12:23	5:54	5:48
Saturday	January 28	12:56	1:17	7:32	6:39
Sunday	January 29	1:52	2:13	9:04	7:38
Monday	January 30	2:52	3:15	10:09	8:42
Tuesday	January 31	3:58	4:20	10:59	9:44
Wednesday	February 1	5:01	5:18	11:39	10:37
Thursday	February 2	5:53	6:06		12:01
Friday	February 3	6:36	6:48	12:03	12:47
Saturday	February 4	7:14	7:27	12:08	1:21
Sunday	February 5	7:48	8:03	12:52	1:55
Monday	February 6	8:20	8:38	1:35	2:26
Tuesday	February 7	8:51	9:13	2:16	2:55
Wednesday	February 8	9:24	9:48	2:54	3:21
Thursday	February 9	9:59	10:26	3:30	3:47
Friday	February 10	10:39	11:07	4:06	4:15
Saturday	February 11	11:24	11:53	4:45	4:49
Sunday	February 12		12:14	5:30	5:32
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter	January 28th	Full Moon	February 5th
		Last Quarter	February 13th	New Moon	February 20th



## I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*  
In the January 19, 2023 edition the Aardvark was on page 52

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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## SCRAMBLERS

### solution

1. Grape
2. Talent;
3. Simply;
4. Other

## Today's Word LOTTERY

Sudoku Answer

2	5	9	3	1	4	6	7	8
4	8	7	6	5	9	3	2	1
6	1	3	2	8	7	9	4	5
5	2	1	8	7	3	4	9	6
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8	7	4	1	9	6	2	5	3
9	4	8	7	3	1	5	6	2
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